

# SOUTH KOREA VISA GUIDE



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Kindly double-check the current situation  
beforehand and keep yourself updated.





## South Korean Student Visa Information

All international students residing outside Korea will need to apply for a student visa at the embassy or consulate of the Republic of Korea in their home country.

Students will need a D2 student visa to study in South Korea. For Summer School students, a visa may not be needed due to the length of the program and for the language school student, a D-4-1 language training visa is needed.

You will also apply for an Alien Residence Card once in Korea. The card works as an identification card and enables you to make trips abroad during your semester in Korea. The host university will help you get the Card after you've arrived.

### D2 Student Visa Information

International students entering from overseas should obtain a student visa (D-2) from the South Korean Embassy or Consulate in their country.

In order to apply for a student visa (D-2), students must first receive a document called the "Certificate of Admission". After receiving the certificate, students can proceed and apply for a visa at the Korean Embassy or Consulate.

#### Application Requirement:

- Certificate of Admission
- Letter of Acceptance
- Business Registration Certificate
- Passport (must have at least 6 months of validity)
- One copy of your passport (bio-data page)
- Passport photo (color; 3.5cm x 4.5cm; taken within the past six months)
- Official transcript - submit a transcript from your high school or higher education institution you attended.
- Proof of Funding for non-OECD country, accomplished financial affidavit for OECD.
- Application fee



## B-1 Visa Exemption for Gap Year Students

All international gap year students residing outside Korea will need to apply for a B-1 visa. B-1 visa is only valid for 90 days. Therefore, students taking a gap year in South Korea must need to do a visa run to a neighboring country like Taiwan and Japan to renew their visa.

## K-ETA

All students under B1 Visa Exemption are also eligible to apply for K-ETA. K-ETA, which stands for Korea Electronic Travel Authorization, is required for foreign nationals who are eligible to enter South Korea without a visa. The K-ETA is required for the majority of visitors who do not need a visa. To determine if you need this electronic travel authorization for your trip, check the [entry requirements for South Korea](#) based on your nationality.

### Benefits of Using the South Korean Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA)

- When arriving in Korea, travelers with a K-ETA are exempt from filling out an Arrival Card, allowing them to use designated counters for quicker border checks.
- The K-ETA enhances safety measures in South Korea, ensuring all visitors, including those exempt from visa requirements, undergo security screenings.
- Applying for a South Korea ETA is entirely online, eliminating the need for interviews or embassy visits. Additionally, Priority Processing is an option for receiving the ETA within one hour.

### To apply for a K-ETA, you will need the following:

- A valid passport from an eligible country.
- Debit or credit card to cover the processing fee.
- A passport-style photograph.





## D-4-1 Language Training Visa Information

You will need a D-4-1 language training visa to study in a language school. This visa is meant for foreign nationals who wish to study Korean language in Korea for more than 90 days. You do not need to be enrolled in a university to apply for this visa. Please get in touch with your local embassy for more details.

### Application Requirement:

- Certificate of Admission
- Letter of Acceptance
- Business Registration Certificate
- Passport (must have at least 6 months of validity)
- One copy of your passport (bio-data page)
- Passport photo (color; 3.5cm x 4.5cm; taken within the past six months)
- Official transcript - submit a transcript from your high school or higher education institution you attended immediately before joining Mason
- Proof of Funding for non-OECD country, accomplished financial affidavit for OECD
- Application fee

## Summer School Visa Information

Most international students do not need to obtain a student visa to attend the summer school. Most of the students are normally given a visa on arrival (a stamp on the passport) at the airport, which allows them to stay in Korea for 3 months.

However, it is the responsibility of the student to use their official acceptance letter to apply for the correct visa if needed. Prospective students should inquire with the closest Korean consular office about whether a visa is required for a 5-week stay in Korea for citizens of their country.

If you are from a country requiring a visa to enter Korea, you may apply for a Temporary Visiting Visa C3 for up to 3 months. It is a short-term visa for purposes such as studying and visiting the country. Students who plan to stay longer than 90 days need to apply for Residence Permission at the Seoul Immigration Office within 90 days of their arrival in Korea.

